

**SAN DIEGO DX CLUB**  
**BULLETIN**



July 2008

## 2008-09 Officers



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**Tom Myrick**  
**N6JOJ**



**Join us at**  
**The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd**  
**July 23, 2008**  
**Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M**



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## From the Prez:



Gang,

It's an honor to be elected to lead the San Diego DX Club for the coming year. I've had this post once or twice before, since first joining the Club in 1969. With the help of Vice President Wayne, NN6R, and Secretary/Treasurer Leon, N6VS, I will strive to move the Club forward-- and find some sunspots!

I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say "Thank you and great job!" to our outgoing officers President Paul, WN6K, and Secretary/Treasurer Harry, W6YOO. Paul served for two consecutive terms. Unbelievably, Harry has served in his key position for something like 12 terms, which probably equates to six man-months of volunteer effort. These core officers have helped maintain the San Diego DX Club as one of the premier DX Clubs in the country. Please offer your thanks and congratulations to them when you see them at a Club event.

Please don't forget the annual summer bash, where we meet all the Southern California DXers, swap fish-stories, and enjoy great summer barbecue. This year, the bash is hosted in late August by W6IRD/K6IRD. Don't let the price of gasoline deter you from attending-- fire up the carpool and make it happen! Details elsewhere in the bulletin.

Thirty years ago, in the West Coast DX Bulletin, we had the Palos Verdes Sundancers up above San Pedro. They allegedly were outside their radio shacks every morning, doing the secret sunspot-dance during the doldrums. Sure enough, eventually they always succeeded, and a new sunspot cycle would begin. Maybe it's time to do the same thing. Cycle 24 is a little slow starting up, but there is plenty of DX to be worked, even during the summer. You just have to dig a little deeper. Get your antenna work done, and keep listening.

Hope to see everyone at the July meeting!

Glenn K6NA

### San Diego DX Club Policy on content of

#### DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of DXing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members. The E-mail reflector is NOT an official club reflector. The reflector was created for club use, but it is privately owned.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors. **No PERSONAL attacks** will be allowed in either the newsletter or on the reflector.

**Submissions are due on the 1st Friday after the 2nd Wednesday of each month!!**

# TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING MINUTES

30 June 3008



Balance as of May 31, 2008: \$3,020.04

## Income:

Regular Dues:	30.00
Book Sales	240.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>270.00</b>

## Expenses:

Equipment Insurance;	44.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>44.00</b>

Balance as of Jun 30, 2008: \$3,246.04

Petty Cash on Hand: 20.00

Balance Checking/Petty Cash: \$3,266.04

## Meeting Minutes

25 June 2008

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive and Murphy Canyon Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Paul Dorey, WN6K. There were 32 members and guests present.

Applying for and elected to full membership were:

Loren E. Hunt, AD6ZJ of Vista and  
John M. Graf, WA6L of Alpine

John Barcroft, K6AM presented the Top Ten for 6 and 160 Meters. Taking top honors were N6CW and N6ND respectively. (See elsewhere in this Bulletin for complete listings).

Outgoing President Paul Dorey, WN6K conducted the annual election of officers with the following results:

President: Glenn Rattman, K6NA  
VP: Wayne Zimmerman, NN6R  
Secretary/Treasurer: Leon Helms, N6VS.

## Board of Directors:

Tom Myrick, N6JOJ  
Gayle Olson, K6GO (continuing)  
Jim Stevenson, W6YI (continuing)

It was announced that club member Ben Pyfer, N6MUF would be a member of the upcoming C9 operation.

It was announced that SDDXC would operate Field Day in the 1A category from Point Loma.

It was announced that a number of BY special event sta-

tions supporting the 2008 Olympics would be on the air.

SANDARC is still looking for volunteers to operate the Amateur Radio booth at the San Diego County Fair.

Funeral arrangement for Howard Shepard, W6US were announced.

Jim Stevenson, W6YI was congratulated for winning a recent contest.

## PROGRAM:

The evening's program was a video presentation of 1973 DXpedition to the Spratley Islands. This is while Vietnam War was still in progress. Can you imagine carrying M16s today to operate radios where one might be shot? A classic definition of insanity!

## ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

HARRY A. HODGES, W6YOO

Secretary/Treasurer

*(Ed. Note) This is the last submission from Harry after many, many years of service as the club's Secretary/Treasurer. Thanks Harry for your dedicated service.*

## July Program

Have questions about the ARRL program Log Book of the World (LOTW)?

Come to the July meeting and Dan N6ERD will answer your questions.

July 23, 2008  
7 PM

## DX SUMMER BASH!

August 24, 2008  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
QTH of W6IRD and K6IRD  
Wayne and Sharon Spring  
1243 Fairway Drive  
Orange, CA 92866

## THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM



### TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 6 METERS

7/08 7/07 CALL ZNS C-D CFM WKD CHG

1.	1.	N6CW	27	100	100	102	-
2.	2.	K6TQ	18	57	57	57	-
3.	3.	N7CW	18	25	25	37	-4
4.	4.	N6ND	17	12	12	37	+2
5.	5.	K6ZH	15	20	20	24	+1
6.	6.	W6EUF		17	17	22	-
7.	7.	KB5MY		?	?	15	-
8.	8.	WA6MHZ		?	10	10	-
9.	9.	N6AW		6	6	6	-
10.	10.	W6YOO	2	1	2	3	-

### TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 160 METERS

7/08 7/07 CALL ZNS C-D CFM WKD CHG

1.	1.	N6ND	35	111	111	183	+3
2.	2.	K6TQ	34	175	175	175	-
3.	3.	W6YA	28	?	?	128	+4
4.	-	N7CW	29	55	55	124	NEW
5.	4.	W6KUT	29	119	119	122	-
6.	8.	W6YI	31	59	59	118	+33
7.	5.	N6AW	30	116	116	116	-
8.	6.	K6AM		109	109	114	+3
9.	7.	K6XT	29	?	?	97	-
10.	9.	W6EUF		46	46	68	-

The standings on 6 are frozen solid for a while. Lately, 6 has been open almost every day to somewhere, although unfortunately mostly for the domestic grid square set. The east coast is working Europe, but we are only working the east coast and the occasional Caribbean. Meanwhile, with the high bands gone, 160 is pretty good for a couple of months in the dead of winter. Congrats to Bud, N7CW and Jim, W6YI who both soar past the DXCC threshold. Arizona does wonders for 160, and that new 2 el array at W6YI is just killer.

Both these bands are now being reported together since they both represent the ultimate challenge for the DX'er. Each takes the patience of a saint to wait out the ever-so-rare opening that may only last 5 minutes and be missed if someone in the right spot is not transmitting at just the right time. Our hats off to the top 10 winners in these categories.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, RTTY, phone, and CW. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

## Get Ready for the IARU HF World Championship

(Taken from the ARRL web site)

HF Contesting usually hits a dry spell during the summer months, but the weekend of July 12-13 brings a summer bright spot for HF contesters -- the IARU HF World Championship.

According to ARRL Contest Branch Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X, the IARU contest is a little different from most major HF contests. "For starters, it's only 24 hours long (instead of the normal 48). This leaves you plenty of time over the weekend to have fun in the contest and participate in other activities. Another difference is that you can combine modes. While most HF contests are either CW or SSB, IARU allows you to operate CW, SSB or a mixture of both. Lastly, the IARU contest exchange is a signal report and your ITU zone." ITU zones are different than CQ zones, Kutzko said. For a map of ITU zones, visit the [IARU Web site](http://www.iaru.org).

One of the features of the IARU contest is the highlighting the IARU member Amateur Radio organizations from all around the world. These organizations often participate in the contest with a special call (often ending in HQ, designating a national headquarters station) and can be worked as special multipliers in the contest. Kutzko said that IARU Administrative Council members from around the world will also be on and can also be worked for special multiplier credit. "If you hear a station giving R1, R2, R3 or AC as their contest exchange, that station represents part of the IARU Administrative Council or regional Executive Committee."

The IARU HF World Championship runs from 1200 UTC Saturday, July 12 to 1200 UTC Sunday, July 13. For complete rules and forms, you can visit the [IARU Contest Web page](http://www.iaru.org) or the [ARRL Contest Web page](http://www.arrl.org).

## HAM TOON



HELLO----- WHO-----  
THAT RARE ONE YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IS ON  
RIGHT NOW. OH, HE'S CALLING ME NOW-----  
CLICK !

